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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~light shield~~ combination according to ~~Claim 2~~ Claim
30 wherein said inboard and outboard side panel flaps have rear edges which are provided
with soft rear edge liners.

4. A ~~light shield~~ combination according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 30 wherein said inboard
and outboard side ~~panels~~ panel flaps are mounted to said roof by an adjustable coupling
mechanism that permits said inboard side panel flap to be moved in an outboard direction
from said inboard side edge of said roof and said outboard side panel flap to be moved in
5 an inboard direction from said outboard side edge of said roof, whereby separation between
said inboard and said outboard side ~~panels~~ panel flaps is selectively adjustable.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~light shield~~ combination according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim
30 wherein said thin ~~narrow, elongated~~ fastening ~~mechanism~~ layer is comprised of a flat
double sided adhesive strip.

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~light shield~~ combination according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim

30 wherein said outboard side panel flap is provided with an outboard side panel extension.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~light shield~~ combination according to Claim 9 wherein said outboard side panel extension and said outboard side panel flap are joined together in telescopic fashion.

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~light shield~~ combination according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 30 wherein said the mounting strip is joined to said rear edge of said roof by an interior mounting strip fold that terminates at spaced distances from said inboard and outboard side edges of said roof, and ~~narrows~~ narrow slits are defined between said roof and said fastening strip from said inboard and outboard side edges of said roof to said interior mounting strip fold.

12. (Currently Amended) In combination, a video camera having a camera body with a video screen panel cavity defined therein, a video screen panel partially formed of a material attracted by magnetism and having front and rear surfaces with a video display screen on said front surface, hinged to said camera body to fold into a stored position nested within said video screen panel cavity and alternatively foldable to a deployed position projecting out from said video screen panel cavity and laterally from said camera body, and a light shield formed as a collapsible structure comprising a flat roof having mutually opposing front and rear edges and mutually opposing inboard and outboard side edges, an outboard side panel flap joined to said outboard side edge of said roof and

10 foldable onto said roof into a collapsed condition and unfoldable to a deployed condition
extending downwardly from said roof alongside said video screen display and in contact
with said front surface of said video screen panel outboard from said video screen display
when said video screen is in said deployed position, an inboard side panel flap joined to
said inboard side edge of said roof and said inboard side panel flap is unfoldable to a
15 deployed condition extending downwardly from said roof and in contact with said front
surface of said video screen panel inboard from said video display screen when said video
screen panel is in said deployed position, and said inboard and said outboard side panel
flaps are both collapsible onto said roof, a flat mounting strip extending rearwardly beyond
said ~~outboard~~ side panel flaps and the entire distance between said side panel flaps, and a
20 single, narrow, elongated thin fastening mechanism formed of a magnetized material that
magnetically adheres to said video screen panel along a single, fixed, elongated region of
attachment, thereby joining said mounting strip to said video screen panel at a location
rearwardly from said video display screen and across the entire width thereof.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A combination according to ~~Claim 14~~ Claim 12 wherein
said video screen panel has an upper edge surface formed of a material attracted by
magnetism and said fastening mechanism is attached to said upper edge surface.

16. (Currently Amended) A combination according to Claim 12 wherein said video screen panel has a top edge surface and said rear edge of said roof resides in contact with said top edge surface and said mounting strip is joined to said rear edge of said roof by a mounting strip fold that terminates interiorly from said roof inboard and outboard side edges at spaced distances of separation therefrom, and ~~narrows~~ narrow slits are delineated between ~~set~~ said mounting strip and said roof between said inboard and outboard side edges of said roof and said interior mounting strip fold.

17. (Original) A combination according to Claim 12 wherein said light shield is fabricated from stiff black paper.

18. (Original) A combination according to Claim 12 wherein said light shield is fabricated from stiff plastic.

19. (Withdrawn) A glare shield for a camera viewfinder comprising a sheet of material of uniform thickness configured to form a pair of opposing, laterally projecting, forwardly and outwardly curved side wings and a shade canopy curved upwardly and forwardly and projecting above and the between said side wings, whereby together said canopy and said side wings form a three dimensionally curved, concave forwardly, convex rearwardly facing light shielding structure, and further comprising an attachment mechanism for removably securing said light shielding structure to a camera viewfinder such that said canopy rises above said camera viewfinder and said side wings project

outwardly and forwardly relative to said viewfinder.

20. (Withdrawn) A glare shield according to Claim 19 wherein said attachment mechanism is comprised of an aperture defined through said sheet of material beneath said canopy and between said side wings to define aperture border edges in said sheet of material, wherein said aperture has a size and shape to admit a camera viewfinder eyepiece therethrough so that said aperture bordering edges of said sheet of material snugly encompass and grip said camera viewfinder eyepiece therewithin.

21. (Withdrawn) A glare shield according to Claim 20 wherein said aperture bordering edges completely surround said aperture.

22. (Withdrawn) A glare shield according to Claim 21 wherein said aperture is formed by intersecting aperture slits terminating within the structure of said sheet of material so that said aperture bordering edges are formed of triangular flaps delineated by said intersecting aperture slits.

23. (Withdrawn) A glare shield according to Claim 22 further comprising a resilient aperture border reinforcement ring encompassing at least some of said intersecting aperture slits therewithin.

24. (Withdrawn) A glare shield according to Claim 20 wherein said sheet of material further defines a pair of fingers projecting toward each other from said wings and separated from each other by an expansion slit extending from the periphery of said sheet

of material between said fingers and terminating at said aperture.

25. (Withdrawn) A glare shield according to Claim 24 further comprising a resilient liner forming a border about said aperture and having ends terminating at said expansion slit.

26. (Withdrawn) A glare shield according to Claim 19 wherein said attachment mechanism is a tongue formed from said sheet of material beneath said canopy and between said wings.

27. (Withdrawn) A glare shield according to Claim 26 wherein said tongue is directed forwardly and has a size and shape to fit snugly into a flash attachment mounting clip atop a camera.

28. (Withdrawn) A glare shield according to Claim 26 wherein said attachment mechanism is further comprised of a magnetic strip.

29. (Withdrawn) A glare shield according to Claim 19 wherein said sheet of material is formed of flat sheet stock and includes at least a pair of demarcation slits extending from the perimeter of said sheet of material and converging inwardly toward each other into the interior of said sheet of material, and attachment margins are formed in said sheet of material on both sides of said demarcation slits and said attachment margins on each side of each of said demarcation slits are secured together in overlapping fashion to hold said wings and said canopy curved concave forwardly and convex rearwardly as

aforesaid.

30. (New) In combination, a camcorder having a video screen panel hinged at one edge and which folds into a seating cavity in said cavity in said camcorder, wherein said video screen panel has front and rear surfaces with a video display screen on its front surface, and a light shield formed as a collapsible structure comprising a flat roof having mutually opposing front and rear edges and mutually opposing inboard and outboard side edges, inboard and outboard side panel flaps, each having a free end and an opposite hinged end and said hinged ends of said inboard and outboard side panel flaps are respectively joined to said inboard and outboard side edges of said roof and each of said side panels flaps is foldable onto said roof into a collapsed condition and unfoldable to a deployed condition extending downwardly from said roof, whereby said side panels reside in contact with said front surface of said video screen panel alongside said video display screen, and further comprising a flat mounting strip extending from said rear edge of said roof rearwardly beyond said side panel flaps and across the entire distance between said side panels flaps, and a single thin, narrow, elongated fastening layer of pressure sensitive adhesive extending the entire length of said mounting strip and joining said mounting strip directly to said video screen panel along a single, fixed, elongated region of attachment at a location on said video screen panel rearwardly from said video display screen and across the entire width thereof.